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Q. *The White House blamed President Nixon's tax troubles not on President Nixon but on his team of tax preparers. Has Nixon used the same team of Frank DeMarco, the Los Angeles lawyer, and Arthur Blech, the Los Angeles certified public accountant, for his 1973 return, or has he fired both men?—T.E., Pasadena, Calif.*

A. Nixon has fired neither DeMarco nor Blech. At this writing accountant Blech is preparing Nixon's 1973 return for which he obtained from the Internal Revenue Service a 60-day filing extension. Frank DeMarco's office is supplying some of the data, and the final return will probably be overseen by Philadelphia lawyer Kenneth Gemmill and Cleveland lawyer H. Chapman Rose, whose son Jonathan, Nixon recently appointed an assistant deputy U.S. attorney general at $36,000 a year.